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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE
PRESIDENT FROM PAKISTAN PRESIDENT CHAUDHRY

1. FYI. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT FORD
RECEIVED THROUGH PAKISTAN EMBASSY:

QUOTE. ON THE HAPPY AND FESTIVE OCCASION OF THE BICENTENNI-
AL OF THE AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE I HAVE THE HONOUR TO EXTEND,
ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN AND ON MY OWN BE-
HALF, OUR SINCERE AND CORDIAL FELICITATIONS TO YOUR EXCEL-
LENCY, THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE PAST TWO CENTURIES HAVE
BEEN AN EPIC OF PRODIGIOUS SUCCESS IN ALL FIELDS OF HUMAN
ENDEAVOUR. SELDOM HAS A NATION ACCOMPLISHED SO MUCH IN SO
SHORT A SPAN OF TIME. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE THIRD CENTURY
WILL BE MARKED BY FURTHER PROGRESS AND NEW HEIGHTS OF
ACHIEVEMENTS.

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THE RELATIONS BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES OF

AMERICA HAVE BEEN TRADITIONALLY CLOSE AND CORDIAL. I HAVE

NO DOUBT THAT IN COMING YEARS THE DEEP ROOTED TIES OF
FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES
WILL CONTINUE TO BE INSPIRED BY OUR COMMON ASPIRATIONS FOR
A JUST AND SECURE INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND WILL BE FURTHER
STRENGTHENED TO THE MUTUAL BENEFIT OF OUR TWO PEOPLES.
END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE
DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN
PEOPLE, MRS. FORD AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME
MESSAGE OF GOOD WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH
ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDI-
CATES ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH. SINCERELY, GERALD R.
FORD. END QUOTE.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT
WISHES TO DO SO.

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